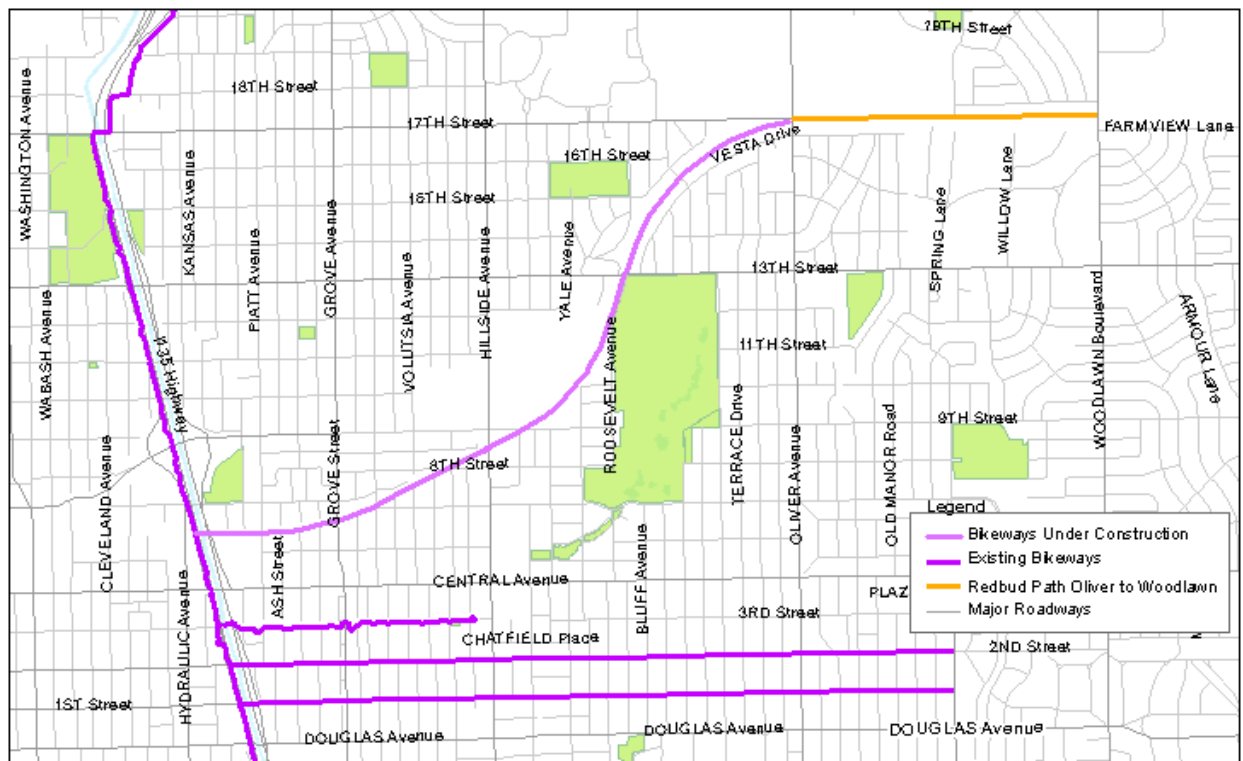


Redbud Shared Use Path: Oliver Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue

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Site Map



Project Description

This project would undertake work to design and construct the Redbud Shared Use Path from Oliver Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue. The project generally consists of two phases.

- Design: this phase would design bicycle facilities along the Redbud Shared Use Path from Oliver Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue. The design phase will include opportunities for property owners, business owners, residents, and other stakeholders to provide input about potential options for accommodating the bicycle facilities. The final design will be presented to the Wichita City Council for approval.
- Phase II: this phase would construct the design approved design.

Contact information for the project manager of the design of the Redbud Shared Use Path from Oliver Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue is available on the [City of Wichita Public Works and Utilities Department web page](#).

Transportation Improvements

The Redbud Path between Oliver Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue will provide facilities and critical connections between destination and origins. This facility will connect Wichita State University with 14,226 students (the largest institution of higher education in the region and the fourth largest college/university in Kansas) to the residential districts to the east. Below is a listing of destinations along the project corridors.

Existing

- Redbud Path, located west of Oliver Avenue (which connects to the Wichita Bicycle Network)

Recommended / Future

- Armour Bicycle Boulevard (a north south connection from the K-96 Path to Gypsum Creek Path)

Trip Origins and Destinations

Employment Centers

This project will provide access from residential areas to Wichita State University, one of the largest concentrations of jobs in the Wichita area. Approximately 139 places of employment with approximately 1,486 employees are located within 0.5 miles of the proposed Redbud Path. Within one mile of the facility, and easily accessible to the path by low traffic streets is the Wichita State University campus with 2,406 jobs.

Entertainment and Cultural Destinations

The new path will provide access to many Wichita entertainment and cultural destinations.

Residential Neighborhoods/Districts

- Crestview Heights Neighborhood Association
- Ken-Mar Neighborhood Association

Schools

- Wichita State University (1845 N Fairmount St.)

Wichita Transit Bus Routes

- East 17th

Percentage of a community, region, or state population benefits, access

According to the 2010 Census, 45,866 people reside in the Census block groups within 1.5 miles of the proposed new facility. This accounts for 12 percent of the City population (382,368).

Background

On **February 5, 2013**, the Wichita City Council unanimously endorsed the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan as a guide for future planning and decision making regarding public infrastructure investments, operations, and policies. The Wichita Bicycle Master Plan recommends the development of the Redbud Shared Use Path from Oliver Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue as part of the Bicycle Network, 10-Year

Priority Bicycle Network, and the Top 10 Recommended Priority On-Street and Side Path Bicycle Facilities. The planning process for the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan lasted more than two (2) years, and included more than 50 public meetings and events. More than 4,000 people were engaged in the planning process. The planning process included presentations to multiple neighborhood associations and other organizations; and multiple outreach efforts. More information about the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan can be found on the City of Wichita [web page](#).

On **April 16, 2013**, the Wichita City Council approved a memorandum of agreement with the Wichita Health and Wellness Coalition to undertake multiple bicycle and pedestrian related projects. The agreement identified how the \$687,220 of CDC Community Transformation Grant – Small Communities funding from the Health and Wellness Coalition and the \$66,012 of City funding would be utilized. One of the projects included in the agreement was for design work for multiple bicycle facilities, including the Redbud Shared Use Path from Oliver Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue.

On **June 4, 2013**, the City of Wichita was awarded federal Transportation Enhancement funding from KDOT for the construction of multiple bicycle facility projects, including the Redbud Shared Use Path from Oliver Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue.

On **August 6, 2013**, the Wichita City Council approved the contracts for the development of designs for multiple bicycle facilities, including the Redbud Shared Use Path from Oliver Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue.

On **September 17, 2013**, the Wichita City Council approved the revised budget, adopted the amending resolution, and authorized the necessary signatures to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the design and construction of multiple bicycle facility projects, including the Redbud Shared Use Path from Oliver Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue. The City funding of \$500,000 for bicycle projects was included in the Bike Enhancements line item within the 2011-2020 Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

On **April 12, 2015**, the City of Wichita opened the bids for construction of the Redbud Path, seven bids were received and the lowest bid was within the Engineers estimate.

On **May 12, 2015**, the Wichita City Council approved the contract with Kansas Paving Company to construct the Redbud Path from Oliver to Woodlawn.

On **May 19, 2015**, the Wichita City Council approved a revised budget for various Wichita bicycle projects, including the Redbud Path from Oliver to Woodlawn.

Project Funding

- The proposed City of Wichita Capital Improvement Program plans for investing approximately \$413 million in arterial roadways, bridges, and freeways from 2015-2024.
- It costs approximately \$5 million to construct a new five lane arterial roadway.
- The majority (approximately 75%) of the Redbud Path – Oliver to Woodlawn construction funding is from the Federal Transportation Enhancements Program, administered by KDOT. The City of Wichita funded approximately 25% of the project construction costs, with General Fund

dollars from the Bike Enhancements Projects line item in the Wichita Capital Improvement Program 2011-2020. The total cost of the project construction is approximately \$450,000.